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#### Pazardzhik

- 1. The following were observed at the garrison at Pazardzhik:
  - a. One artillery captain;
  - b. Two infantrymen; and
  - c. Three student officers.

### Plovdiv

- 2. At the west entrance to Plovdiv, the following were observed:
  - a. Five-six 1-story brick buildings, occupied by artillerymen; and
  - b. A parade ground; about 50 men of the Interior Troops were participating in maneuvers on the field.
- 3. The following were observed in the city of Plovdiv:
  - a. Numerous officers, about 40, but principally artillerymen, infantrymen, and Air Force;
  - b. Three officers wearing the tank insignia, one of them a captain;
  - c. A soldier wearing the auto transport insignia; and
  - d. About 10 military

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- 4. At the southeast exit of Plovdiv, toward Asenovgrad beyond the airfield, the following were observed:
  - a. Some low brick buildings, consisting mainly of garages;
  - b. About 20 trucks outside and inside the garages; and
  - c. Several soldiers, service unidentified.
- 5. At the east exit of Plovdiv toward Khaskovo, the following were observed:
  - a. Two large adjoining barracks and a parade ground, which during the morning was occupied by 100-150 men;
  - b. The barracks was enclosed by walls; the most western of these appeared to be an artillery barracks; and
  - c. About 20 artillerymen headed toward the entrance at 5 p.m.; and above the wall, an apparatus which resembled a searchlight.

#### Khaskovo

- 6. At the north entrance to Khaskovo, the following were observed:
  - a. Three carts led by infantrymen;
  - b. A group of about 20 artillerymen;
  - c. A large barracks, with men assembled in the barrack square; some of the soldiers had artillery shoulder boards, and some, infantry shoulder boards;
  - d. About 15 officers in the city, mostly artillery and infantrymen; and
  - e. A soldier wearing the tank insignia.

## Kharmanli

- 7. The following were observed:
  - At the north entrance of Kharmanli, at the junction where the road comes from Stara Zagora, a large barracks consisting of old and new brick buildings;
  - b. About 100 horses tied up in the large barrack square;
  - c. About 30 officers leaving the barracks; half of the group were artillerymen, and the other half, infantrymen;
  - A guard wearing infantry shoulder boards next to an entrance where artillerymen were noted;
  - e. The barracks, which because of the size of the buildings appears to correspond to a regimental barracks, is definitely occupied by infantrymen and artillerymen;
  - f. In the city of Kharmanli some artillery and infantry officers were observed (some of them were boots and spurs and a group of five had silver shoulder boards);
  - g. An officer and a noncommissioned officer of the engineers and two military trucks which carried materials; and
  - h. No materials were observed in the barracks, with the exception of some horse-drawn vehicles.

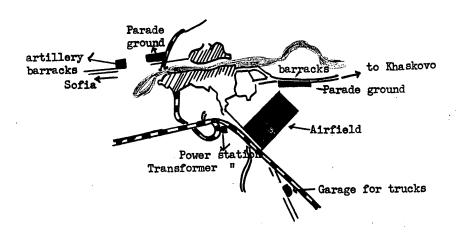
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8.	Maritsa  The barracks north of the city was not observed. Only one artilleryman and one soldier from the engineers was seen.					
	Chirpan					
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	a. A guard post with a fence guarded by two infantrymen;					
	b. A 1-story barracks, 100 meters long;					
	c. In the rear, other buildings including some large garages;					
	d. A truck loaded with artillerymen leaving the barracks and another empty one in the court yard; and					
	e. No other materials were observed.					
	There is a small barracks of the Interior Troops located in Chirpan.					
	Lozen					
10.	10. At night a T 34/85 with headlights on was observed parked in the village of Lozen with a group of civilians standing behind it. A military truck was					
	parked in the rear.	25 <b>X</b> 1				

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# Plovdiv



### Chirpan

